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Annual Report

OF THE

Town of Deering,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

February 15th, 1900.

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OF THE

TOWN OF DEERING,

FOR THE

Fiscal Year, ending February 15, 1900,

TOGETHER WITH THE

Report of Overseer of Poor, Road Agent, and School Board.

HILLSBORO BRIDGE, N. H.
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Selectmen's Report.

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DEERING, N. H., FEBRUARY 15th, 1900.

The following Report for the year ending February 15, 1900, is respectfully submitted:

CHARLES A. BARNEY,
JAMES W. ELLSWORTH,
JAMES S. CRAINE,
} Selectmen.

TOWN VALUATION, APRIL 1st, 1899.

Polls, 136,	$13,600
Real Estate,	152,005
Horses, 220,	8,968
Oxen, 48,	2,721
Cows, 538,	12,633
Neat Stock, 188,	3,197
Sheep, 141,	387
Fowls, 100,	50
Carriages,	210
Stock in Banks,	2,500
Money on hand,	4,270
Stock in trade,	6,524
Mills, 4,	1,650
Total Valuation,	$208,715

TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1899.

For State Tax,	420.75
County Tax,	547.45
Town Charges,	800.00
Highways,	1000.00
Schools,	745.00
Library Appropriation,	29.70
Painting Cemetery Fence,	40.00
Overlay,	173.95
	$3,756.85
Less School tax paid in Hillsboro,	14.86
Total taxes assessed,	$3,741.99

Rate of taxation on $100.00 valuation, $1.80

Income derived from Rachel Dickey place, for the year 1899.

Sale of Manure,	$ 2.25
Grass,	15.00
Apples,	4.50
Due from E. R. Gove,	2.00
Ann M. Miner,	2.50
Jesse W. Brown,	.75
Total,	$27.00

Deering, N. H., February 15 1900.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE F. ELLSWORTH,
DENNIS R. CHASE,
WILLIAM H. PATTEN,
} Auditors.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Financial Year, commencing February 15, 1899, and ending February 14, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last year's settlement,	$1,152 66
Assessment for the year 1899,	2,967 29
Received Scott L. Ellinwood, overpay for repairing roads,	75
C. A. Barney, Selectman, hired money,	300 00
" " "	600 00
" " "	59 40
" " "	150 00
Jas. S. Craine, " "	100 00
C. A. Barney, " "	100 00
" " for town oxen,	125 00
" " hired money,	400 00
W. F. Whitaker, C. A. Mann's tax,	2 00
" " for old bridge plank sold,	75
C. A. Barney, Selectman, hired money,	100 00
W. W. Merrill, dog licenses for year 1899,	142 99
W. F. Whitaker, interest on taxes assessed in 1898,	25 00
Railroad tax for 1899,	13 39
Savings bank tax for 1899,	449 10
Literary fund for 1899,	50 16
J. S. Craine, for grass on the Common,	1 25
" " apples on Racheal Dickey place,	4 50
C. A. Barney, for grass on " " "	15 00
Jesse W. Brown, manure " " "	2 25
W. F. Whitaker, inst. on taxes asses'd in '98,	71
" " " " " '99,	7 08
	$6,769 28

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County tax for the year 1899,	$547 45
State tax " " "	420 75

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS.

Paid Horace Eaton, pasturing town oxen,	2 00
M. H. Felt, recording births and deaths,	1 50
Adams & Mudgett, lumber for railing,	3 00
L. P. Lincoln, printing town reports,	37 00
Silsby & Son, stationery and supplies,	11 09
S. L. Ellinwood, services settling road accounts,	8 25
Matthew Forsaith, postage and express,	65
Charles Osborne, settling road accounts,	8 25
E. N. Peaslee, damage to sled,	1 25
Mrs. E. W. Colburn, stationery,	86
Scott L. Ellinwood, one pair oxen,	170 00
A. O. Ellsworth, sawing wood,	75
Frank E. Willey, breaking roads,	4 20
John R. Cole, " "	5 40
J. W. Ellsworth, " " Putney place,	4 27
W. W. Merrill, " "	90
Elijah D. Brown, one cord wood,	3 25
E. E. Gould, breaking roads,	1 20
Danbridge Buttrick, shoeing town oxen,	1 30
Lorenzo Ives, breaking roads,	1 20
E. F. Dutton, " "	4 80
F. P. Otis, " " and lumber,	8 82
C. M. Brown, repairing road,	2 55
F. W. Russell, breaking roads,	24 10
E. W. Colburn, " and repairing roads,	4 05
C. S. Ellinwood, breaking roads,	75
H. D. Locke, grain for town oxen,	2 80
A. O. Ellsworth, mould board and point for plough,	3 85
John F. Loveren, board and team on road,	1 60

J. S. Craine, boarding man and oxen and repairs on machine,	22 29
L. G. Locke, cleaning town hall,	1 00
B. S. Brown, railing for Morrill bridge,	4 00
Andrew M. Smith, labor on highway,	75
Andrew A. Wilkins, care of cemetery,	3 00
J. W. Ellsworth, labor and expense putting up railing,	10 51
J. S. Craine, cash paid Burnham, Brown & Warren,	5 00
Silsby & Son, highway surveyor's books,	2 11
Andrew M. Smith, damage to team,	25 00
A. J. Locke, services and expense, paying State and County taxes,	2 80
Henry Loveren, breaking roads,	67
J. S. Craine, labor and material for cemetery fence at East Deering,	27 10
Ira W. Jackman, lumber for railing,	3 70
J. S. Craine, running road machine,	31 05
H. D. Locke, cutting bushes,	60
Henry Willgeroth, breaking roads,	75
Read Brothers, overtax in 1898,	20 00
J. S. Craine, running road machine and board at B. F. Dutton's,	32 00
J. S. Craine, repairs on road machine, express and medicine for town oxen,	2 00
J. S. Craine, drawing and sticking up lumber for bridges,	3 40
F. M. Goings, for bridge plank,	42 50
A. J. Locke, repairing roads,	60
Carlton Clement, breaking roads,	2 05
Jerry Gingrass, " "	2 25
S. L. Ellinwood, " "	3 25
F. W. Butterfield, " "	2 00
W. W. Merrill, postage, stationery and licensing two dogs,	1 50

C. A. Barney, postage, express and money orders,	2 55
W. H. Gilmore, labor on cemetery fence at East Deering,	7 20
John Goodell, M. D., recording death,	25
Fred Brown, cutting bushes in Dist. No. 12,	1 05
W. F. Whitaker, cash paid Edw. Buttrick case	7 03
" " expenses Overseer of Poor,	3 21
" " services Edw. Buttrick case,	6 00
Brooks K. Webber, for professional services,	5 00
	$603 81

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Andrew J. Locke,	$152 14
Hillsboro Guaranty Savings Bank,	102 50
" " " "	405 95
Esther N. Gordon,	102 34
	$762 93

SCHOOLS.

Paid Treasurer of School Board:	
Literary Fund for 1898,	$ 58 20
Balance of dog license for 1898,	103 90
Interest on High School fund,	60 00
	$222 10

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid E. E. Babb & Co.,	$ 58
" " "	16 24
" " "	1 20
" " "	4 53
Leavenworth & Myer,	72 00

E. C. Eastman,	2 75
B. L. Bartlett, freight on school supplies,	55
Mrs. E. W. Colburn,	4 24
Ginn & Company,	1 60
" "	4 07
	$107 76

EXPENSE OF LICENSING, AND DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid W. W. Merrill, for licensing dogs,	$12 00
Carlton Clement, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 00
W. F. Whitaker, for keeping a dog and for services at the time the damage was done to E. J. Craine's sheep,	2 00
	$19 00

PUBLIC WATER TROUGHS.

Paid Frank B. Foster,	for 1898,	$2 00
Sarah McNally,	" "	2 00
James F. Lock,	" 1899,	2 00
Eben L. Bartlett,	" "	2 00
Charles R. Percy,	" "	2 00
		$10 00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Charles Osborne, road agent,	$258 32
" " " "	161 10
" " " "	61 12
" " " "	38 91
	$519 45

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Scott L. Ellinwood, road agent,		$139 21
" " " "		41 68
" " " "		93 37
		$274 26

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AND BREAKING ROADS.

District No. 1.

Paid Harry D. Locke,	$32 54	
" "	1 25	
" "	2 55	
		$36 34

District No. 2.

Paid Paul Willgeroth,	38 48	
" "	7 85	
" "	3 30	
		49 63

District No. 3.

Paid Frank P. Otis,	38 05	
" "	24 15	
" "	1 90	
		64 10

District No. 4.

Paid Arthur W. Locke,	23 80	
" "	60	
		24 40

District No. 5.

Paid Andrew A. Wilkins,	30 00	
" "	3 95	
" "	3 30	
" "	1 05	
		38 30

District No. 6.

Paid Edward W. Colburn,	24 98

District No. 7.		
Paid Frank E. Willy,	22 45	
" "	5 40	
" "	4 05	
		31 90
District No. 8.		
Paid Arthur O. Ellsworth,	16 94	
" "	13 20	
" "	6 07	
		36 21
District No. 9.		
Paid Scott F. Dow,	32 00	
" "	53 04	
" "	3 50	
		88 54
District No. 10.		
Paid Henry Holton,	14 85	
" "	15 15	
" "	3 45	
		33 45
District No. 11.		
Paid Charles A. Barney,	49 45	
" "	6 00	
" "	9 15	
		64 60
District No. 12.		
Paid Jesse W. Brown,	38 09	
" "	2 75	
		40 84
District No. 13.		
Paid William H. Patten,	38 10	
" "	5 55	
" "	2 70	
" "	1 50	
		47 85

District No. 14.		
Paid James F. Locke,	17 60	
" "	6 75	
		24 35
District No. 15.		
Paid William F. Whitaker,	41 16	
" "	29 40	
		70 56
District No. 16.		
Paid Fred W. Ashley,	37 20	
" "	6 85	
" "	2 70	
		46 75
District No. 17.		
Paid John F. Loveren,	36 87	
" "	2 20	
		39 07
District No. 18.		
Paid Frank R. Hilliard,	20 70	
" "	1 35	
		22 05
District No. 19.		
Paid Elijah D. Brown,	17 09	
" "	1 35	
		18 44
District No. 20.		
Paid Ira S. Bartlett,	22 85	
" "	5 25	
" "	8 09	
		36 19
		$838 55

TOWN OFFICERS For Services.

Paid Matthew Forsaith, Selectman,	$ 7 50
Charles A. Barney, "	6 00
James W. Ellsworth, "	4 50

James S. Craine, for auditors,	6 00
Mrs. E. W. Colburn, member of school board for 1898,	16 50
Harry D. Locke, supervisor,	6 00
George F. Ellsworth, supervisor,	6 00
Edward F. Dutton, "	6 00
William F. Whitaker, collector for 1898,	40 00
E. W. Colburn, board of health, 1898,	3 00
" " " " 1899,	2 00
W. W. Merrill, treasurer of school board,	3 00
" " town clerk,	15 00
C. A. Barney, member of school board,	17 50
Benj. L. Bartlett, member of school board,	20 00
Andrew J. Locke, treasurer,	30 00
William F. Whitaker, overseer of poor,	12 25
Charles A. Barney, selectman,	57 75
James W. Ellsworth, selectman,	53 12
James S. Craine, selectman,	40 37
	$352 49

ABATEMENTS.

Paid William O. Towne, '98 tax paid in Weare,	$ 2 30
Henry B. Morse, '99 tax paid Francestown,	1 80
Fred G. Brown, " " Hillsboro,	1 80
Fred E. Ferry, " " "	1 80
Verto Smith, " " "	1 80
Fred Buckwold, '98 tax, inability to pay,	2 00
John A. White, '97 tax, " "	3 22
" " '98 tax, " "	2 00
M. M. Codman, tax of 1894–'95–'96–'97–'98, paid in Lynn, Mass.,	9 14
M. M. Codman, '99 tax paid in Lynn, Mass.,	1 80
Tripp & Tenant, tax for 1899, loss by fire,	15 00
	$42 66

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		$6,769 28
Paid County tax for 1899,	$547 45	
State tax for 1899,	420 75	
Miscellaneous orders,	603 81	
Notes and interest,	762 93	
Treasurer of school board,	222 10	
For school supplies,	107 76	
Expense of licensing, and damage to sheep by dogs,	19 00	
For use of public water troughs,	10 00	
Charles Osborne, road agent, for breaking roads,	519 45	
Scott Ellinwood, road agent, for breaking roads,	274 26	
The several road agents for the year 1899, for repairing highways & bridges and breaking roads,	838 55	
Town officers for services,	352 49	
Abatements,	42 66	
Due W. F. Whitaker, collector '99,	858 43	
Cash on deposit,	500 00	
Cash on hand,	689 64	
		6,769 28
Amount due from collector,	858 43	
Cash on deposit,	500 00	
Cash on hand,	689 64	
		2,048 07
Outstanding notes and interest,		1,953 81
Balance in favor of town,		94 26

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. LOCKE, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Treasurer, A. J. Locke, find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE F. ELLSWORTH,
DENNIS R. CHASE,
WILLIAM H. PATTEN,

Deering, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900. Auditors.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR

For the year ending Feb. 14, 1900.

Received of the town treasurer,			$ 1 00
Paid Matthew Forsaith for keeping tramp over night,	$ 50		
James W. Ellsworth for keeping tramp over night,	50		
	—		1 00
Received of the county treasurer,	232 19		
Dana E. Brown for rent of the Edward Buttrick farm from Dec. 31, 1898, to March 22, 1899, 2 22-30 months, at $3 33 month,	9 11		
	———		241 30
Paid Danbridge Buttrick for boarding Chas. A. Patten from Dec. 31, 1898, to Jan. 1, 1900, 52 1-7 weeks at $1 25 per week,	65 18		
Mary A. Peaslee for boarding Fred Peaslee from April 30, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900, 35 weeks, at $1 50 per week,	52 49		
Jesse W. Brown for boarding Edward Buttrick from Dec. 31, 1898, to Feb. 12, 1899, 6 weeks, at $1 50 week,	9 00		

Jesse W. Brown for boarding Edward Buttrick from Feb. 11, 1899, to March 22, 1899, 5 3-7 weeks, at $4 50 per week,	24 43	
Jesse W. Brown for extra labor and expense during Edward Buttrick's last sickness,	22 57	
W. W. Griffiths, M. D., medical attendance for Edward Buttrick,	10 00	
Elijah D. Brown for boarding Fred Buckwold from Oct. 5, 1899, to Oct. 30, 1899, 3 3-7 weeks, at $1 50 per week,	5 14	
		188 81

SOLDIERS' AID.

Paid James S. Butler for goods delivered to John Vander Haden from April 30, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900, 35 weeks, at $1 50 per week,	52 49
	$241 30

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. WHITAKER,

Overseer of Poor.

Deering, N. H., Feb. 14, 1900.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

REPORT OF SCOTT L. ELLINWOOD, ROAD AGENT, WESTERN DIVISION.

BREAKING ROADS, FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT.

Paid J. E Thurston,	$	45
C. P. Gordon,	4	13
E. W. Colburn,	13	95
W. R. Burleigh,	2	55
H. C. Smith,	3	00
E. N. Peaslee,	1	35
W. P. Clark,	2	55
W. W. Merrill,	5	70
R. W. Clark,	1	50
B. J. Green,	1	05
F. D. Appleton,	5	00
Dow Brothers,	4	35
F. W. Butterfield,	9	15
E. C. Holton,	9	76
F. P. Otis,	5	40
W. L. Young,	2	55
E. F. Dutton,	18	70
H. E. Snickles,	2	85
G. W. Gould,	5	40
F. F. Foote	4	73
W. S. Norris,	2	70
William Norris,	2	02
B. F. Boothby,	3	90
C. S. Ellinwood,	3	90
S. L. Ellinwood,	17	55
J. W. Ellsworth,	2	47

O. N. Ellsworth,	3 10
G. M. Center,	45
	$139 21
Paid Jerry Gingrass,	$ 7 35
F. E. Willey,	13 18
J. R. Cole,	20 25
F. J. Perry,	90
	$42 68

MARCH SETTLEMENT.

Paid B. F. Boothby,	$ 1 50
E. F. Dutton,	12 00
C. A. Barney,	4 05
Matthew Forsaith,	2 10
W. W. Merrill,	3 00
Lorenzo Ives,	1 05
J. R. Cole,	1 65
Matthew Holbrook,	8 25
E. W. Colburn,	6 82
A. A. Wilkins,	5 45
F. W. Butterfield,	4 50
Dow Brothers,	60
F. D. Appleton,	45
William Norris,	1 50
C. S. Ellinwood,	75
J. W. Ellsworth,	2 10
S. L. Ellinwood,	6 00
G. W. Gove,	3 45
Goodnow Bros.,	2 25
C. C. Eaton,	23 80
	$93 37

DEERING, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900.

We certify that we have examined the within account and find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE F. ELLSWORTH,
DENNIS R. CHASE,
WILLIAM H. PATTEN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF CHARLES OSBORNE, ROAD AGT. EASTERN DIVISION.

BREAKING ROADS, FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT.

Paid Francis McMahon,	$2 57
Lewis Herron,	3 60
Jesse W. Brown,	1 20
D. A. Travis & Son,	8 10
Loren Herron,	4 20
Lewis & Arthur Goodall,	10 30
L. T. Buxton,	2 00
E. R. Gove,	16 05
Charles McNally,	13 27
James S. Craine,	2 10
Courtland M. Brown,	5 40
James E. Center,	9 75
Dana E. Brown,	75
F. E. Roberts,	4 50
Scott S. Wilson,	3 30
O. N. Ellsworth,	5 32
S. E. Thurston,	1 27
G. M. Center,	1 27
G. C. Craine,	3 60
A. J. Locke,	2 70

H. D. Locke,	5 70
A. Colburn,	5 29
J. W. Loverin,	8 01
J. F. Loverin,	17 85
G. F. Ellsworth,	4 57
C. D. Stevens,	5 17
John L. Whittier,	12 84
D. R. Chase,	1 95
C. J. Green,	1 20
H. S. Merrill,	5 55
A. M. Smith,	7 50
C. T. Mathews,	2 85
J. L. Goodale,	3 39
Ira A. Parket,	10 39
Ira S. Bartlett,	12 22
E. H. Bartlett,	6 00
H. K. Clough,	1 65
G. W. Wood,	5 25
F. N. Ashley,	10 42
F. I. Morse,	13 35
H. J. W. Gove,	12 98
E. D. Brown,	2 40
	$258 32

MARCH SETTLEMENT.

Paid Frank B. Foster,	$17 33
Lewis Heron,	1 80
A. J. Locke,	3 00
Ira S. Bartlett,	8 51
E. H. Bartlett,	3 67
E. R. Gove,	3 45
Arthur W. Locke,	4 65

Guy S. Ward,	3 82
C. C. Eaton,	3 00
J. F. Loveren,	6 87
A. M. Smith,	2 50
J. W. Loveren,	3 52
B. G. Davenport,	6 52
H. B. Cressy,	2 55
C. M. Brown,	1 05
Charles Osborne,	2 24
Ira A. Parker,	2 90
A. A. Emerson,	4 80
James E. Center,	5 22
H. D. Locke,	60
D. A. Travis,	2 10
Frank L. Brown,	4 50
Alfred Locke,	3 75
James W. Ellsworth,	3 56
Clinton Clough,	4 27
C. E. Stevens,	98
G. F. Ellsworth,	1 35
J. S. Craine,	52
G. S. Danforth,	6 75
Frank Robinson,	45
Fred S. Osborne,	2 25
Charles McNally,	5 17
S. W. Patten,	6 20
F. I. Morse,	4 42
W. H. Gilmore,	5 46
G. W. Wood,	1 65
F. W. Ashley,	3 90
W. H. Patten,	11 40
J. A. Stevens,	4 42
	$161 10

APRIL SETTLEMENT.

Paid	Charles P. Gordon,	$ 60
	Jessie C. Gregg,	5 55
	Alvah D. Wilson,	1 50
	Charles McNally,	1 80
	F. McMahon,	83
	H. L. Hilliard,	5 85
	J. W. Loveren,	3 37
	J. F. Loveren,	1 87
	Arthur Locke,	2 25
	Henry Gove,	5 00
	Scott S. Wilson,	1 05
	C. W. Brown,	1 50
	Hiram K. Clough,	30
	James L. Goodale,	1 50
	George Woods,	38
	Forest I. Morse,	3 30
	Fred W. Ashby,	3 30
	Hiram Stevens,	13 00
	E. H. Bartlett,	83
	Ira S. Bartlett,	89
	Frank R. Hilliard,	5 40
	James E. Center,	1 05
		$61 12

JUNE SETTLEMENT.

Paid	J. F. Locke,	$2 25
	W. H. Patten,	2 70
	C. E. Clough,	1 12
	Walter Putney,	2 25
	F. E. Cole,	5 32

W. F. Whitaker,	14 62
H. J. W. Gove,	1 95
E. D. Brown,	8 70
	$38 91

DEERING, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900.

We the undersigned certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE F. ELLSWORTH,
DENNIS R. CHASE,
WILLIAM H. PATTEN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the fiscal year commencing Feb. 15, 1899, and ending Feb. 14, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of last year's settlement,	$11 88
Balance of dog license money for 1898,	103 90
Literary fund money for 1898,	58 20
Interest on high school fund,	60 00
Assessment for 1899,	745 00
	$978 98

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

Paid H. D. Locke, broom,	$ 25
A. A. Wilkins, wood,	4 50
M. V. B. Wyman, wood,	4 50
C. A. Barney, wood and glass,	1 55
Miss K. E. Seavey, transportation,	1 50
Mrs. L. A. Silver, cleaning school house,	1 00
A. C. Gould, " " "	1 00
R. W. Clark, " " "	1 50
H. B. Mann, " " "	1 25
W. H. Patten, " " "	1 50
	$18 55

PAID FOR TEACHERS.

Division 1, spring term, K. E. Seavey,	$65 00
" 1, fall " Alice M. Jackman,	69 60
" 2, spring " Carrie M. Butterfield,	67 50

Division 2,	fall	term,	Carrie M. Butterfield,	67 50
" 3	spring	"	Helen B. Putnam,	60 75
" 3	fall	"	Helen B. Putnam,	77 00
" 4	spring	"	Mabel A. Martin,	40 00
" 4	fall	"	Lena M. Colburn,	75 00
" 5	spring	"	Lena M. Colburn,	62 50
" 5	fall	"	Edna N. Constantine,	71 40
" 6	spring	"	Mrs. E. W. Colburn,	70 00
" 6	fall	"	Mrs. E. W. Colburn,	70 00
" 7	fall	"	Ida C. Brown,	60 00
				$856 25

TUITION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Paid Scott F. Dow for tuition and transportation of one scholar, fall of 1898,	$ 9 50
Scott F. Dow for tuition and transportation of one scholar, spring of 1899,	8 75
W. W. Merrill for transportation of three scholars, spring term,	15 00
W. W. Merrill for transportation of four scholars, fall term,	15 00
Mrs. Sophia Bloss for transportation of three scholars 7 weeks, fall term,	10 50
	$58 75

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount received,		$978 98
Miscellaneous expenditures,	$18 55	
Paid for teachers,	856 25	

Tuition and transportation,	58 75	
Total amount expended,		$933 55
Balance in treasurer's hands,		$45 43

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN W. MERRILL,
Treasurer of School Board.

DEERING, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900.

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of W. W. Merrill, treasurer of the school board, and find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE F. ELLSWORTH,
DENNIS R. CHASE,
WILLIAM H. PATTEN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF EDWARD W. COLBURN, AGENT FOR REPAIR OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Balance on hand from last year's settlement,		$14 30
June 15, 1899, paid Lewis Herron, repairs at E. Deering,	$ 75	
Jan. 27, 1900, paid A. J. Locke, repairs in division 1,	40	
		$1 15
Balance in my hands,		$13 15

EDWARD W. COLBURN, *Agent.*

DEERING, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900.

We certify that we have examined the within account of E. W. Colburn, and find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

GEORGE F. ELLSWORTH,
DENNIS R. CHASE,
WILLIAM H. PATTEN,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Realizing the importance of good teachers, no effort has been spared to place in our school rooms the best that the limited means at our command would allow.

Miss Martin was young and inexperienced, but with a laudable ambition to succeed, she secured the respect of her scholars and made a good beginning.

All our other teachers were those of experience and well-known ability.

Miss Leavey was well versed in the latest and most progressive ideas of teaching; a Normal School graduate, who had spent years in training and learning how and what to teach. Ill health prevented her teaching the second term. She was succeeded by Miss Jackman, who at once showed her ability to manage well the school. She deserves praise for energy and decision, as well as for thorough instruction.

No apology is needed for keeping our associate, Mrs. E. W. Colburn, in the school room, and no other words are necessary to express how she is appreciated as a teacher than to say that she has taught the same school in her own division of the town for six years, and no word or syllable of dissatisfaction has come to the knowledge of the writer hereof.

Miss Butterfield taught her second year in Manselville with excellent results, securing the respect and giving satisfaction to all who favor a well-disciplined school.

Miss Brown did good work in Division 7, where it seemed necessary to hold one term of school.

It was with much pleasure the service of Miss Constantine was secured for the second term at East Deering. She is a favorite with the children, and an earnest, painstaking instructor.

Miss Lena M. Colburn and Helen B. Putnam have been with us the past year, and as usual, have been very successful.—the former doing her fourth year's work, and the latter her second. Miss Colburn has natural ability for managing children, and is too conscientious to allow them to spend a term of school in idlenes. Her scholars are cared for on the grounds, as well as in the school-room.

Miss Putnam is a lady of good disciplinary ablility and a careful teacher. Thorough and exact in her methods, she governs well, for she governs herself; teaches well, for she herself has well learned the lesson.

It is to be regretted that our schools have become so primary in character, in consequence of the children being taken therefrom at such tender ages, that the history of our own country has been much neglected. To awaken a livlier interest in this all-important branch of study, as well as to bring it within the grasp of the youngest children, Special Studies have been introduced the past year, at a very small expense, considering the work that has been so well commenced, and is expected to be accomplished by their use.

Metcalf's First and Second books on Language have been introduced in place of the different text books that have long been used in our schools, causing confusion by their multiplicity, and dissatisfaction by the manner in which the subject was presented. It is hoped that a better interest in the study of our language will be the result of this change.

The burdens of taxation fall most heavily on rural towns like ours, with a sparse population of farmers of small means, and the cost of schooling our seventy-five primary scholars, scattered over a broad territory of rough hilly country, is the same as it would be to school twice or thrice that number living on the same territory, excepting the small expense for school books and school supplies.

We have felt obliged to run seven schools when there were hardly scholars enough for three, because of the great dissatis-

faction it gives parents to have their little ones carried a long distance from home. Even with seven schools, many children are obliged to go more than two miles, and to bring them all into the right number of sizable schools, would be a great expense, if indeed not greater than the liberal percent of money allowed for carrying scholars.

In this connection we can hardly refrain from refering to the injustice of the present school law of our State, which not only obliges our town, burdened as few towns of like resources are burdened, to take care of its own schools as best it can, but compels it to pay taxes for the support of schools in wealthier and more populous places, and even threatens to take away our part of the Literary Fund,—which has helped us so much in the past,—unless we resort to greater taxation.

Not only does the education of the children but the financial interest of the town demands that we labor without fear or favor to make our schools the best it is possible to make them.

Gratefully remembering the kind attention and smiles of approval that have greeted us from all classes, this Report is

Respectfully submitted.

B. L. BARTLETT,
MRS. E. W. COLBURN,
C. A. BARNEY,
School Board of Deering.

Text Books.

Barnes' Readers, Graves' Spellers, Metfcalf's Grammars, Montgomery's History, Keyes' and Rand & McNally's Geographies, Harper's and Greenleaf's Arithmetics, Robinson's and Wentworth's Algebras, Meservey's Bookkeeping, Gray's Botony, Steele's and Blaisdell's Physiologies.

Roll of Perfect Attendance.

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FIRST TERM.

Earnest L. Mann,
Ethel Chamberlin,
Edith McAdams,
Leon McAdams,
Earl Richardson,
Mildred D. Barney,
Blanch M. Brown,
Augusta K. Collett.
Arthur W. Loveren.
Charles Patten,
Florence Patten,
Mabel Patten,
Gertie Center,
Maud Gordon,
Fannie E. Dow,
Carrie E. Chase.
Nellie M. Chase,
Sarah M. Chase,
Frances Davis,
Martha J. Mathews,
Grace M. Stevens,
Mildred M. Osborne,
Ruth Hilliard,
Fred D. Chase,
Ivan Caswell,
Edna M. Gordon,
Mary A. Gordon,
Lena M. Gordon,
Leonard A. Merrill,
Kenneth C. Colburn,
Flossie M. Brown.

SECOND TERM.

Arthur W. Loveren,
Martin L. Loveren,
Gertie M. Centre,
Ruth E. Clement.
Augusta K. Collett,
Mildred D. Barney,
Leon H. McAdams,
Carrie E. Chase,
Martha J. Mathews,
Hattie B. Stevens,
Ruth C. Hilliard,
Grace M. Stevens,
Frances D. Davis,
Mildred M. Osborne,
Fred D. Chase,
Leon C. Stevens,
Ethel M. Colburn
Kenneth C. Colburn.
Harry W. French,
Minnie B. French.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Division.	Teachers.	No. of weeks in term	Whole number scholars	Average membership	Average daily attendance	No. in Reading	Spelling	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Penmanship	Physiology	Other Studies	Wages per month	Per cent of Attendance
1	Kate E. Leavey	10	13	12	11	13	12	12	10	10	7	12	7	29	26.00	91.66
1	Alice M. Jackman	10	13	13	12	13	13	12	11	11	8	13	11	11		92.65
2	Carrie M. Butterfield	10	14	13	12	14	14	10	7	3	1	14	6	9	27.00	92.49
2	" " "	10	14	10	8	14	14	8	8	5	3	14	7	1	27.00	87.28
3	Helen B. Putnam	9	9	9	8	9	9	8	8	8		9	0		27.00	90.00
3	" " "	11	11	10	10	11	11	10	10	10	10	11	0	12	28.00	94.49
4	Mabel A. Martin	8	12	12	11	12	12	11	9	6		12	5		20.00	96.00
4	Lena M. Colburn	12	9	6	6	8	8	8	6	5	8	8	1	18	25.00	99.60
5	" " "	10	13	13	13	13	13	8	5	1		11	1	15	25.00	99.07
5	Edna M. Constantine	10	17	15	15	17	17	11	5	4	11	17	1	1	28.00	98.96
6	Mrs. E. W. Colburn	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	8		1	10	4	4	28.00	99.60
6	" " "	10	12	12	11	12	10	12	7	5	12	12	4	6	28.00	95.39
7	Ada C. Brown	12	10	8	6	10	10	7	4	4		10	0	4	20.00	80.39

Marriages Registered in the Town of Deering, for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at time of Marriage.	Age in years	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents	Condition: Single, or Widowed	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom Married.
Sept. 12	Hillsborough	William Grenier	Deering	34	White	Teamster	Baldwinsvlle,Ms	Lewis Grenier		Rev.D.W. Fitzgerald
		M.S.N.Vander Heyden	"	25			Allenstown,N. H.	J.A.VanderHeyden, Mary Mellett		Hillsborough, N. H.
Sept. 13	Hillsborough	Joseph A. Miner	"	27		Farmer	Fairfax, Vt.	Lewis Miner, Lavina Perkins		Rev.Joseph Simpson
		Ann Hill	"	18			Deering, N. H.	Rodney Gove, Nancy Smith		Hillsborough. N. H.
Dec. 11	Deering	Alberto H. Rogers	"	21		Laborer	"	Lesley Rogers, Emma Barker		A. J. Locke, J. of P
		Helen Tripp	N. Bedford, Ms	23			New Bedford,Ms	Charles Tripp, Esseneth Corvin		Deering, N. H.

Births Registered in the Town of Deering, for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Sex and Condition. Male or Female.	Color.	Living or Stillborn.	No.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Feb. 25	Alvah V Hilliard	Male	White	Living	2	Frank R. Hillard	Millie L. Hilliard	White	Deering	Farmer	Epsom, N. H.	Epsom, N. H.
May 7	Clayton F. Foot	"		"	3	Frederick F. Foote	Susie E. Fipphen		"	"	Francestown.	Weare, N. H.
Aug. 18		"		"	2	Edwin F. Dutton	Alice L. Ruffle		"	"	Stoddard,	Antrim. N. H.
" 22		Female		"	6	John W. Goodnow	Addie F. Tucker		"	"	Deering,	Weare, N. H.
Dec. 29.		Male		"	9	James L. Goodale	Carrie E. Willey		"	"	"	Albany, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Deering, for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age. Years.	Mos.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Conditions. Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married, Widow'd	Occupation.	Name of Father,	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
Jan. 16	Levi W. Goodale	73	10	24	Deering	M	White	M	Farmer	Jona. L. Goodale	Lucy Locke	Deering	Deering	Pneumonia
Jan. 31	Frank A. Ferry	27	1	2	Somerville, Ms	"		S	Laborer	Harrison C. Ferry	Clintie C. Colby	Antrim	Bennington	Consumption
Feb. 2	Frances E. Goodale	73	4	11	Irasburg, Vt	F		W						Pneumonia
Feb. 11	David Whitaker	70	11	23	Deering	M			Merchant	Nehem'h Whitaker	Phebe Bryant	Deering	Vermont	Apoplexy
Feb. 27	Milton McCoy	74	9		Antrim	"		W		Thomas McCoy	Elizabeth McCoy			Brights disease
Mar. 23	Edward Butterick	84		19		"			Farmer					Debility—Old age
June 15	Thomas A. Merrill	82	2	29	Deering	"		M	Farmer	Enos Merrill	Anna Gregg	Deering	New Boston	Heart Diseaae
Nov. 13	James A. Burtt	52	8	12	Hillsborough	"		S	Laborer	James S. Burtt	Hannah B. Smith	Hancock	Londonderry	Pulminary Phthisis

I hereby certify that the foregoing Returns are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WARREN W. MERRILL, Town Clerk.